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Coffee County Schools celebrate opening of new baseball/softball complex

Coffee County Schools celebrated the opening Thursday, Feb. 6, of the new baseball and softball complex on the Zion Chapel School campus with an official ribbon cutting ceremony.

"Excited students, teachers, athletes, coaches and community members gathered for the ribbon cutting ceremony and to receive a firsthand look at the new facilities. Zion Chapel principal Jared Robinson and Coffee County School Board president Galen

McWaters led the ceremony each providing remarks on the completion of the \$3.5 million project.

The state-of-the-art facility features two regulation-size fields with a backstop and netting, modern dugouts, indoor batting cages, and an impressive concession stand with bathrooms. "This complex represents our commitment to providing our student-athletes with the best possible facilities," McWaters said.

Robinson added, "We

are incredibly grateful to our school board members and community for supporting this project. It will benefit generations of Zion Chapel students and the community."

The project was led by the architectural firm of McKee and Associates with construction by Beasley Construction.

"We are thankful to all who had a part in making this project come to fruition, said Coffee County Schools superintendent Kelly Cobb.



Coffee County Schools celebrated the official opening of the new Zion Chapel baseball and softball complex Thursday, Feb. 6, during a ribbon cutting ceremony held on campus. Administrators, school board members, coaches, athletes, and community members were all present to celebrate the occasion. This was a \$3.5 million improvement project for Zion Chapel Schools.



An aerial view of the new Zion Chapel baseball and softball facilities (photo used courtesy of the ZC Rebel News)



The Elba 12u boys basketball players and coaches show off their championship rings after winning the Pea River Basketball League's 12u tournament last weekend.

Elba 12u basketball team wins league tourney

The Elba Parks and Recreation 10u and 12u Boys Basketball teams competed Saturday, Feb. 15, in the Pea River Basketball League season tournament. Both tournaments were held at Samson High School and were hosted by Samson Recreation.

The Elba 10u boys opened play against Zion Chapel and won that game 19-14. The second game of the tournament for Elba pitted the young Tigers against the 10u team from Kinston.

Elba was ousted from the 10u tournament with a 30-9 loss to Kinston.

The Kinston 10u team would go on to win the Pea River Basketball League's 10u championship. Kinston



Cooper Holley
12u Tournament MVP

defeated Daleville for the championship win.

Elba's 12u boys team opened tournament play with a 33-24 win over

Daleville. They met Samson in the championship game and dominated play.

Elba won the championship for 12u with a 42-4 win over Samson. Cooper Holley was named tournament MVP for the 12u tournament as he scored 10 individual points to lead Elba in the championship game.

Last Saturday's tournaments concluded the youth basketball season for Elba Parks and Recreation. Registration is underway now [until the end of the day Friday, Feb. 21] for youth baseball and softball. Registration can be completed at online through Rec Desk or by contacting the Elba Recreation Department at (334) 897-6833.

Coffee County Schools name "Teachers of Year"

Coffee County Schools recently named its 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year for elementary and secondary education.

Superintendent Kelly Cobb said this year's recipients of the "Teacher of the Year" honor are exemplary educators and employees.

The Coffee County Schools Elementary Teacher of the Year is Mallory Carpenter. She is a teacher at Zion Chapel School.

The Coffee County Schools Secondary Teacher of the Year is Kim Smith. She is a teacher at New Brockton Middle School.

The Coffee County Board of Education recognizes the dedication of both, and thanks them for their service to Coffee County students.

The teachers are prime examples of the Coffee County School philosophy to - Educate, Elevate, and Empower, according to Cobb.

"We congratulate each for this well deserved honor," Cobb said. "We thank them for their dedicated service."



Mallory Carpenter



Kim Smith

Tax Filing Notice:

Alabama taxpayers with a qualifying 2024 adjusted gross income can prepare their 2024 state and federal income tax returns online using free tax preparation and e-filing software now available at Alabama Free File or IRS Free File.

"Free File is now available in Alabama to help eligible taxpayers take the guesswork out of completing state and federal tax returns," said Governor Kay Ivey.

Besides desktop and laptop computers, taxpayers can also use their smart phones or tablets to electronically prepare and file their federal and state tax returns through the Free File program. Using such mobile devices, taxpayers may access the products in two ways: (1) Use the IRS2Go app, which has a link to the Free File Software Lookup Tool or (2) use the device's browser to go to www.irs.gov/freefile. The IRS2Go app is available for Android and iOS devices.



Elba High School Track team coach Tyler Reeves (right) is shown working with team members Tuesday afternoon during an afternoon practice. The track team will compete in its first meet of the season this Friday at Enterprise High School.

Elba High track team prepares to open season

by Linda Hodge, Publisher

The Elba High School Track and Field team is busy this week preparing for its first track meet of the season, which will be held at Enterprise High School this Friday, Feb. 21, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Elba's athletes will be competing in several events included sprint running, long distance running, discus throw, javelin throw, hurdles, and shot put. The team is coached by Tyler Reeves.

Junior Caden Kyles will be competing in the discus, javelin and shot put events, and he said he likes these because of the technique that goes into each.

"Discus by far, I think, is my favorite," Kyles said. "This is something new for all of us, but I believe it is going to be lots of fun. Next year, I think track will be even better for me because I will have experience from this season."

While practicing Tuesday afternoon of this week, Kyles said he is really looking forward to Friday track meet. Other than competing, he said he wants to learn from the meet as well.

"I am ready to watch everybody and ask others about their technique," he

said. As for sophomore Marisa Magana, she said she chose to join the newly formed track team at Elba High School because track is a family tradition.

"Most of my family in California does track and long distance running," she said. "My family thought it would be good for me to join the track team too. It is lots of fun."

Magana will be competing in a 1,600-meter distance run during Friday's track meet.

"I am really nervous about the meet, but I am looking forward to meeting new people and bonding with others in track."

Both Kyles and Magana said the new track team at Elba has been a good experience for all involved so far, and they look forward to helping build the program. They said Coach Reeves works hard to train and motivate, and they are looking forward to a successful first year.

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Elba BOE hires new counselor for elementary school

The Elba BOE met Tuesday evening, Feb. 18, and on the agenda was a hire for the EES counselor position. Upon recommendation, board members voted to hire Sarah Allen to be the new elementary school counselor. A Coffee County native, Allen comes to Elba from Goshen Elementary School. She has been in education since 2018.

Area Happenings

The Elba Lions Club will host its annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 1, from 6 - 10 a.m. at the National Security Conference Center. A \$5 donation per plate is requested for this fundraiser.

The Elba City Council and Water and Electric Board will hold a joint work session Monday, March 10, beginning at 4:30 p.m., at All In Credit Union, 402 Collier St., Elba, to tour the facility. Work sessions are open to the public to attend.

EDITORIAL

Alfa Insurance names Elba agent Ralston Moore top life producer

Alfa Insurance agent Ralston Moore of Elba was recently honored with the 2024 Top Life Producer Award for Alabama during the company's annual awards ceremony.

Moore also received the Distinguished Service Award - Gold Level.

The ceremony, held Jan. 23 at the Montgomery Performing Arts Centre, recognized Alfa's best agents and managers for their dedicated service and commitment to policyholders.

Moore has served as an Alfa agent since March



Ralston Moore

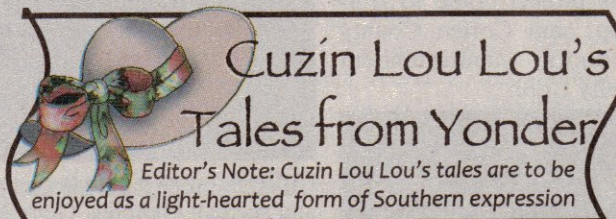
2011. He represents the company's full line of insurance for auto, home, life and business.



The Elba Masonic Lodge 170 recently passed Brother Joseph Blake Miller to a Fellow Craft. Everyone enjoyed the food, fellowship, and work. Those in attendance included: (front, l to r) Joe Watson, Eddie Kelley, Mike Amison, Joseph Blake Miller FC, Drexell Richards, Tim Marler, Mike Murphy, and Duran McNeil; (middle, l to r) Curtis Sellers, Allan Crenshaw, Daniel Stephens, Justin Prescott, Ashton Davis, Troy Gideon III, and Thomas McBride. Top Row: L to R: Wendell Black, Tommy Morrow; and (back l to r) Larry Shaw, Seth Hanchey, Mike Marler, and Brandon Marler.

Troy University Fall/Term 2 graduates

Troy University recognizes students who completed the requirements for graduation during the Fall Semester and Term 2 of the 2024-2025 academic year. Local students who graduated include: Stonewall Smith, Angel Lopez-Padilla, and Levi Carney, all of Elba; and Allison Williams of New Brockton.



Sister took off last week on a 'girls trip' with a close friend leaving Cuzin Lou Lou, Papa, and Little Bean to fend for themselves for a couple of days, and while there were no major mishaps during the time Sister was gone...well...let's just say the gang was happy to see her return!

Papa came down with the crud during the time that Sister was away, which meant Lou Lou had to jump into caregiver mode. Papa is not a good patient and does not do well with being sick so it was not a fun time had by all. For the most part, Lou Lou just made sure he had meds to take, food to eat, and that he got plenty of rest. It seemed to work...for the most part.

It was several days later before he said he was feeling better, but he made it!

The funniest part of the days without Sister at home was watching Little Bean navigate the unusual circumstances.

Several times throughout Sister's absence, Little Bean would lead Lou Lou through the house and to Sister's bedroom door. She

was wanting to be "let in" so she could go see her auntie.

Lou Lou would explain that Sister was not there, but it took opening the door and letting the little one roam around for a bit to actually convince her of Sister's absence.

Of course, when Sister did return home after her getaway, there were plenty of sugary kisses in store for her from the little monster! Bean was happy to have her favorite nap partner back in her rightful place, and she let Sister know it quickly!

As for Lou Lou, it was business as usual keeping this running while Sister was away, but she did whine a bit, but that was mostly because Sister and her friend visited one of Lou Lou's favorite places without her! She was a bit jealous if truth be told, and even tried to talk Sister into letting her drive down to join them one evening. That, unfortunately, was met with a "no, no" from Sister.

Rude! Oh well...somebody had to stay home and work!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Publisher

We were in Samson this past Saturday watching Elba's 10u and 12u boys basketball teams play in their end of season tournament for the Pea River Basketball League. This was an "almost didn't happen" thing due to some unfortunate things that took place the weekend prior in Kinston following the 8u tournament held there. There were some adults that acted inappropriately following the 8u boys championship game in Kinston. They did not like the results of the game and were very disrespectful to the officials and folks from the opposing team. Those actions were not condoned by Elba Parks and Recreation nor the City of Elba, and Elba leaders fully admitted that. Nevertheless, by last Monday the others in the league made a decision that Elba would not be able to participate in the 10u and 12u tournaments last weekend because of the actions of people that had nothing to do with the 10u and 12u groups. Fortunately, it was worked out between officials from the groups involved, and the Elba youth were allowed to play in the tournaments. Of course, there were 'stipulations' put in place that the folks from Elba had to adhere to in order to participate. Fast forward to last Saturday, and the folks from Elba not only lived up to every stipulation placed on them, but they did so with zero problems! The only 'issue' noticed the entire day in Samson came from a fan of one of the other participating communities, and that was taken care of quickly. We watched a large group from Elba show up and show support for their 10u and 12u teams, and it was a proud moment to be from Elba. The icing on the cake for the day was seeing the 12u team win the championship in dominating fashion! Congratulations to the 10u and 12u Elba Rec teams for a great tourney last weekend... you all represented Elba well and should be proud of that!

The work on the site that will soon house the Jack's restaurant in Elba is well underway! It is nice to see this long-awaited project finally taking shape. Let's just hope everything remains on track with construction, and soon we will have another food option available in Elba.

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025, through Monday, Feb. 17, 2025, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center -

Tuesday, Feb. 11 - Animal complaint reported at 966 Claxton Ave N (9:27 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 919 Sunset Blvd (10:37 p.m.). No traffic stops recorded on this date.

Wednesday, Feb. 12 - Narcotics/Drug Activity reported at 23706 Hwy 189 (9:26 a.m.); Vehicle accident reported at 900 Herman Driggers Dr (4:29 p.m.); Vehicle accident reported at 650 Claxton Ave N (8:40 p.m.). Nine traffic stops resulted in four written warnings, two citations, two verbal warnings, and one advice given.

Thursday, Feb. 13 - Suspicious vehicle reported at 990 Hwy 203 (1:37 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1477 Country Club Way (7:57 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1207 Claxton Ave N - w/impound (9:16 a.m.). No traffic stops recorded on this date.

Friday, Feb. 14 - Animal complaint report-

ed at 20896 Hwy 87 (11:45 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 12965 Hwy 84 (11:59 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 189 (4:48 p.m.); Fight reported at 612 Kendrick St (11:57 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, and one citation.

Saturday, Feb. 15 - Vehicle accident reported at Smith Ave and Hwy 203 (10:03 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1950 Reese Ave (3:53 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Sunday, Feb. 16 - Theft of services reported at 733 Williams Ave (6:43 a.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning and one warrant served.

Monday, Feb. 17 - Burglary reported at 816 Putnam St (10:53 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on County Rd 403 (1:37 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 318 Smith Ave (3:37 p.m.); Reckless driver reported in area of Neil Grantham Dr and Hwy 203 (9:14 p.m.); Damage to property reported at 632 Claxton Ave N (10:21 p.m.). Nineteen traffic stops resulted in eight written warnings, four verbal warnings, and seven citations.



On Friday, Feb. 7, the seniors from the New Hope Senior Citizens Center attended the annual Sweetheart Bingo event held at the Enterprise Civic Center. This annual event is sponsored by the military wives of Fort Novosel and the many businesses that donated prizes. The seniors enjoyed playing bingo and winning door prizes. Lula Cole (above) was one of the seniors that enjoyed winning a door prize, and Barbara Amlong (right) enjoyed bingo with her fellow seniors. The New Hope seniors ended their special day with lunch in Enterprise, Ala.



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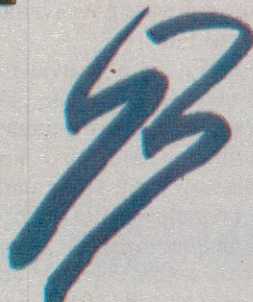
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February Birthdays/Anniversaries

Tom/Linda Hooks 2/13 W.A.; Sharon H. Williams 2/14; Nick/Shai Nelson 2/14 W.A.; Velma Whitfield 2/15; Nick Nelson 2/15

Part 2: Of Black History maker Kenneth B. Clark

The supreme court cited these findings as a famous 1954 case of. Brown V. Board of Education, declaring racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional. At the time, Justice Earl Warren wrote that "separating black children from white solely because of their race generates a feeling of inferiority as to their status in the community that may affect their hearts and minds in a way unlikely ever to be undone."

Many of us still live with the effects of that separation and discrimination. Kenneth and Mamie excelled in the field of Psychology at a time when America was relying on inferior data to support segregation of public education. White Psychologist posited that due to the mental inferiority of black Americans, black and white children should have "separate but equal education" However, Kenneth and Mamie's research challenged the notion of these mental difference, and their finding were used to knockdown segregation laws. According to Kenneth, American society had birthed germinated and enhanced this poor self-image by shutting black people in ghettos and marginalizing them. Some of Dr. Kenneth Clark's thoughts on segregation and the American Society include: "White and blacks should be taught to respect their fellow human beings as an integral part of being educated." "A racist system inevitably destroys and damages human being; it brutalizes and dehumanizes

them, blacks and whites alike."

From a 1984 New York Times interview: "I believed in the 1950s that a significant percentage of Americans were looking for a way out of the morass of segregation. It was wishful thinking." It took me 10 to 15 years to realize that I seriously underestimated the depth and complexity of Northern racism... in the south you could use the courts to do away with separate toilets and all that nonsense. We haven't found a way of dealing with discrimination in the north. Both Kenneth and Mamie felt that education was important in overcoming racism. At one point, Kenneth Clark fought for decentralizing New York City schools, but later deemed it a failure and declared that he had been wrong. Dr. Clark's published books include Prejudice and your child and Dark Ghetto. In 1961, he won the Prestigious NAACP Spingarn medal. He won the four-freedom award in 1985.

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Q/A for the week of 2-20-2025

(Q) What charge did some in the church at Jerusalem bring against Peter when they learned he had evangelized Gentiles?

(A) That he had entered the home of an uncircumcised person and had eaten with them. Acts - 11:3

(Q) What happened in the home of the Gentile Cornelius that showed that God approved Peter's action?

(A) The Holy Spirit came upon the Gentiles as on Peter and the others at Pentecost. Acts 11:15-17

Thought to Remember
Know Satan's strategy to avoid sin's tragedy.

Questions for the week of 2-27-2025: True or False

(Q) God said, "Be ye holy; for I am holy."

(Q) Peter states that we were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold.

(Q) All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass."

Today is a good day! Be grateful!

Eria's Daughter, Sue

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Mend a Broken Heart Month

February can be a trying time for those who have experienced a loss. And while for most, February has other more symbolic meanings, it is also Mend a Broken Heart Month. For those who have experienced a recent loss, the prospect of going out and dating again can seem scary and even disrespectful to their lost partner. There are plenty of dating groups both community and online that specialize in helping widows and widowers find love again after a loss. These groups often provide both emotional support and physical activities to encourage those who are bereaved to mingle and grow together past their grief.

If your grief is still too recent, there are projects that can help ease the pain of loss. If your lost beloved had a favorite shirt or sweater that you don't mind parting with: try adding some pillow filler to the garment and sew up the sleeves and the neck. The completed pillow can now provide some comfort, as if your lost loved has never truly left.

This February, take some time to try and mend a broken heart: be it yours or someone else's. Know you are not alone and things will improve.

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Obituaries

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MARY JANE OWENS

Mrs. Mary Jane Owens, age 80, of Enterprise, Ala., died Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025.

She passed away after a courageous three year battle with cancer. She was surrounded by love and comfort in her final moments.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025, at 2 p.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Slade Stinson officiating. Burial followed in the Meadowlawn Memorial Park cemetery. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 1-2 p.m.

Jane was a member of Lee Street Baptist Church. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, and scouring yard sales for treasures with her husband. She loved watching westerns and Hallmark movies, and going to singings and revivals whenever she could. Jane was preceded in death by her father, James Grover Head; mother, Jewel Pearl Head; brother, DL Head; sisters, Martha Dewberry, and Gayle Marcus; and great-granddaughter, Lily Wilson. Survivors include her husband of 62 years: Ronald (Ronnie) Owens; three daughters: Rhonda Jouvee (Randy), Darlene McKee (Mark), and Sonya Daniels (Chad); grandchildren: Andy Jouveenas (Hannah), Misty Barber (Nathan), Tony McKee (Hannah), Jessica Boutwell (Chad), Angela Wilson (Andrew),

Kristina White (Glen), and Marisa Yost (Theo), Brandi Smith (Chris), Catalina Hobbs (Shay), Cody Daniels, Cole Daniels (Bailey), Carly Daniels; great-grandchildren: Cayden, Emily, Olivia, TJ, Easton, Sawyer, Evelyn, Owen, Kennedy, Lily, and Abel, Destiny Jouveenas (Tye), Noah, and Aspen, Addyson Daniels, Makinley Daniels, Maverick Daniels, and Amelia Daniels.

MACK ARTHUR WISE SR.

Mr. Mack Arthur Wise Sr., a resident of Luverne, Ala., passed away peacefully Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025, from natural causes in his home while surrounded by his family.

A private graveside service was held for Mack at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, in Luverne Emmaus Cemetery with Rev. Dr. Ken Jackson and Rev. Brennan Peacock officiating and violinist, Lindsey Vaughn, playing a few of his favorite hymns. Active pallbearers were Chase Johnson, Cade Kilcrease, Jack Dillon Hewitt, Bradley Dean, Mitch Florence, and Tom Dixon. Honorary pallbearers were Charles Sport, Martin Dyess, Jim Cook, and Michael E. Jones.

Mack was born Nov. 21, 1937 to John Bonnie (Papaw) and Lula Jeanette McArthur Wise (McMaw) in Elba, Ala. He grew up there, alongside his brother John Milton, and was a proud member of the Elba High School Class of 1956. It was at EHS where he

met his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Tulah Dismukes, who he married on May 29, 1960. He was also a star running back on the football team as he and his friend Marlin Dyess or, as they were famously known, "the Touchdown Twins" led their team to championship victories.

After high school, Mack was recruited to join the Alabama Crimson Tide football team. In 1958, while facing off against the LSU Tigers in Mobile, he carried the ball on the very first offensive play Bama ever ran under their soon-to-become legendary coach, Paul "Bear" Bryant. Needless to say, that distinction would make him a local sports hero when he and Tulah moved their young family to Luverne in 1972, and he was always extremely proud of that honor. Mack was also a member of the A-Club during his years at Bama and later joined their alumni association. Though an injury had shortened his playing career there, he remained a lifetime supporter of both the school and football team.

However, that pales in comparison to all Mack did for his new home over his five decades here as beloved members of the community. Not only did he and his brother work together to build up Hick's Sporting Goods as one of the preeminent businesses in Luverne, but he was also instrumental in developing multiple properties in the area to attract businesses like Dollar General, Family Dollar, Factory Connection, and the original Jack's restaurant to town. Mack was one of the founders of Elba Exchange Bank and remained an active board member there for many years. He also served on the administrative boards of both Luverne United Methodist Church and Crenshaw Christian Academy.

More importantly, Mack worked behind the scenes to benefit the children of Luverne both at Luverne High School and Crenshaw Christian Academy. To Luverne High School, he generously donated the 40 acres that became the Lady Tigers Softball Complex and a football practice field. There are not many people who can say they were instrumental in making both schools better places for the community's children, which speaks volumes about Mack's dedication to enriching their lives no matter where they went to school. Mack knew the importance of being a true asset to his community, and, more importantly, he did it with neither an expectation of nor desire for credit. In fact, many were unaware exactly what all Mack had done over the years for Luverne until the city council issued a resolution on Nov. 14, 2022, which honored him as Citizen of the Year for all his contributions to the community.

At home, Mack and Tulah prided themselves most on the family they raised together. Their children were, without question, their greatest pride and joy, but the little ones who named their beloved grandfather "Bop" were a special light in his world. He taught everyone in his family the value of hard work and determination. He encouraged them to always do their best in every single one of their endeavors, whether it be education or sports. Mack's favorite hobby was working tirelessly in his beautiful yard on the weekends; taking pride in his yard brought him so much joy and satisfaction. He also loved the Lord with all his heart and soul and often said he could not wait to enter "the Pearly Gates" in Heaven where he could be with Jesus Christ, his

family, and friends who had gone before him. He could often be heard singing, "I love my Jesus," while getting ready for the day.

Mack did not, however, want to leave his beloved TuTu. He loved her so deeply as she did him. They had an unbreakable bond in which they devoted their lives to each other and the loving family they had nurtured. Bop will always be remembered lovingly and held closely in his family's hearts.

Mack was preceded in death by his parents, John B. and Lula Jeanette McArthur Wise.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 64 years, Tulah Dismukes Wise; their children, Lisa (Merrill) Sport, Art (Rose) Wise, and Leigh (Chris) Johnson; grandchildren, Lindsay Sport (Alanna), Megan (Mitch) Florence, Jasmine (Bradley) Dean, Mack (Addison) Wise, Chase (Alex) Johnson, Anna Leigh (Cade) Kilcrease, and Baleigh Johnson; great-grandchildren, Sport, Scottie, and Blakely Florence, Hallie Dean, Margot Kilcrease, and Hazel Wise; brother, John Milton (Lilellen) Wise Sr; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

Mack was blessed to have such kind, supportive caregivers: Sarah Ray, Tina Mitchell, Debra Harrell, Linda Johnson, Kierra Thompson, Portia Baugh, Leitha Willis (Duck), Ethyl Dorsey (Big Mama), Dr. Pat Walker, Dr. Clint Kilcrease, and SouthernCare Hospice of Greenville.

WILLIAM CLARENCE LOGAN

Mr. William "Bill" Clarence Logan, age 86, died on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025, at Southeast Medical Center in Dothan.

Born Sept. 3, 1938, to Charles and Beanie Roe Logan of Arton, Bill graduated from Arton High School and earned his Federal Aviation Administration Airframe and Powerplant Certification from the Alabama Aviation Technical Center (now Alabama Aviation College) in Ozark. Apparently equipped with endless energy and the nation's strongest work ethic, Bill was employed for 67 years by numerous government contractors at Fort Rucker, as aircraft mechanic, flight mechanic, and technical inspector. He served in the Alabama Air National Guard from 1961 to 1966. He eventually retired from Fort Rucker in 2023 at the age of 84.

In 1966, Bill married Jane Locklar of Elba, where they resided for ten years. In 1973, they brought their only child, Molly, into the world. In 1976, the family relocated to the outskirts of New Brockton.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Min. Greg Hanchey officiating. Burial followed in the Liberty Church of Christ Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Jane Locklar Logan; his parents, Charles and Beanie Roe Logan; his sisters Tula Logan Long and Mabel Logan Hardin; and his brothers, Hayward Logan, Charles Roe Logan, and Elmer Logan.

Survivors include his daughter, Molly Logan Jones, son-in-law, Christopher P. Jones, and his grandchildren, Jake and Claire Jones, all of New Brockton; and several nieces and nephews.

What does the Bible say about...

Exercise?

Article written by Douglas Williams



"For bodily exercise profiteth little; but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Timothy 4:8). "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

"If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" (1 Corinthians 3:17).

The word exercise, as many words, has different meanings, and this is also true as the Bible uses this word. For example, the word may be used as "to do," "to put in practice," or "to refer to a program of songs, speeches, etc.; as the graduation exercises." In this article, we refer to the common use as the "act of physical exercise," that uses the muscles of the body.

God's word teaches us that he wants us to be strong physically and spiritually, and as 1 Timothy 4:8 says spiritual exercise is more important as it deals with time and eternity. The importance of physical exercise cannot be over emphasized. It is necessary for children to properly

develop, and to keep the body healthy and in good physical condition as one grows older. Much has been and continues to be written about this, and is often presented on television and other medias.

Exercise can be fun for children as well as those who are older in various forms of recreation. Recreation involves not only exercise but rest and relaxation which people need. God rested on the seventh day after creation, and he set aside feast days for his people to have physical and social recreation. Jesus took time for rest and told his disciples to rest. Thus, as the Bible teaches, there is a time and place for all things. We must not, as seems to be the practice of some, allow recreational activities of hunting, fishing, golfing, boating, going to the mountains or beach, etc., interfere with our worship and work for God. We must also make sure that the things we do for exercise, recreation, and pleasure are right in God's sight. The Bible verses above teach we are not to harm our bodies with such things as drugs, alcohol, smoking, over-eating, etc.

These matters are good to better equip us for life's duties and responsibilities. When they interfere with our duty to God, then they are wrong and should be avoided.

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To Joe Mavis Ezell, all heirs and all others who may have interest in the subject property known as parcel number: 0908284014003000, property address, 203 South Jordan Street, Samson, Alabama 36477, whose present whereabouts are unknown, the City Council of Samson, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on the 18th day of March, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. to address the nuisance property, dilapidated building and/or structure and make a decision for repairs to be made or above described property to be demolished or removed. 2/6,13&20-chg.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To Earnest W. Lamar, all heirs and any others who may have interest in the subject property known as parcel number: 34 09 08 28 4 019 012.000, property address, 216 South Ripley Street, Samson, Alabama 36477, whose present whereabouts are unknown, the City Council of Samson, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on the 18th day of March, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. to address the nuisance property, dilapidated building and/or structure and make a decision for repairs to be made or above described property to be demolished or removed. 2/6,13&20-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DOROTHY O'MALLEY ROBERTS, DECEASED. CASE NO.: PR-2024-221

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR

Letters Testamentary and under the Last Will and Testament of said deceased having been granted to Robby Stanley on the 21st day of January, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama; notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate

Ricky Hollingsworth, Jr. (HOL094) Attorney for Petitioner Post Office Box 311662 Enterprise, Alabama 36331 (334) 347-3249 2/6,13&20-pd.

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment shall be made:

Synopsis: This bill would allow municipalities in Coffee County to contract with the sheriff for police services, authorize the sheriff and his or her deputies to enforce all laws within such municipality's jurisdiction, require payment for such services to the County Commission for any such contract, allow for sums received under any such contract to be expended for services provided under such contract, and extend the constitutional immunity afforded to the sheriff and his or her deputies to actions performed under any such contract.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT Relating to Coffee County; to authorize any municipality in Coffee County to contract with the sheriff for police services, to authorize the sheriff and his or her deputies to enforce all laws within such municipality's jurisdiction, to provide for payment for such services and the use of such funds, and the extend the constitutional immunity afforded

to the sheriff and his or her deputies to actions performed pursuant to any such contract.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Any municipality within Coffee County may contract for police services with the sheriff of the county. The contract may include the enforcement by the sheriff and his or her deputies of all laws within the corporate limits and police jurisdiction of the municipality, including municipal ordinances and the arrest or citation of any offenders, as if the sheriff and his or her deputies were duly constituted police officers of the municipality.

(b) A municipality entering into a contract with the sheriff for police services shall pay to the county general fund a sum sufficient to provide the necessary manpower and equipment as mutually agreed upon by the municipal governing body, the sheriff of the county, and the county commission.

(c) The county commission shall receive from the municipality the funds paid under the contract for police services and may expend funds for police services in the contracting municipality, including the police jurisdiction of the municipality.

(d) Each contract between the sheriff and the contracting municipality shall be with the consent and approval of the sheriff and the county commission.

(e) The sheriff and his or her duly commissioned deputies shall retain the legal and constitutional immunity afforded to each of them by law in the performance of any duties pursuant to any contract with a municipality. Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law. 2/13,20,27&3/6-chg.

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment shall be made:

Synopsis: This bill would require the Judge of Probate of Coffee County to be an attorney licensed in the State of Alabama.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

Relating to Coffee County; to require the Judge of Probate of Coffee County to be an attorney licensed in the State of Alabama.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Any person elected or appointed as the Judge of Probate of Coffee County after the effective date of this act shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in Alabama.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law. 2/13,20,27&3/6-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF: IBELLE WHITMAN OGGS DECEASED. CASE NO.: PC-2025-008

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of February 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 4th day of February, 2025. /s/ Valarie Ann Woods Personal Representative /s/ Matt Brunson Matt Brunson Attorney for the Estate

2/13,20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF: THE ESTATE OF: Nancy C. Brunson, Deceased. CASE NO.: PC-2025-007 NOTICE

Letters of Testamentary on the estate of said deceased, NANCY C. BRUNSON, having been granted to MARION BAILEY BRUNSON, JR. and CHARLES MATTHEW BRUNSON, SR. on the 4th day of February 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Done this the 4th day of February, 2025, /s/ Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge Coffee County, Alabama 2/13,20,27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: Fred Wayne Hataway, Deceased. CASE NO.: PC-2025-006

NOTICE

Letters of Testamentary on the estate of said deceased, Fred Wayne Hataway, having been granted to Wendy Dawn Hataway on the 4th day of February 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Done this the 4th day of February, 2025, /s/ Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge Coffee County, Alabama 2/13,20&27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF: THE ESTATE OF: FANUEL CHAGEZA, DECEASED, Case No.: PR-2024-194

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Fanuel Chageza, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred.

/s/ Diana Maragleen Mhuriro Diana Maragleen Mhuriro Personal Representative 2/13, 20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Marsha Selma Rosenberg Levine, Incapacitated Person/ Deceased. CASE NO.: PC-2023-065

NOTICE On the 5th day of February, 2025, Janice Bell, as conservator for Marsha Selma Rosenberg Levine, filed her sworn petition and accounting in this Court seeking a final settlement of her duties and handling of the estate of Marsha Selma Rosenberg Levine.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that all persons or creditors having an interest in said conservatorship estate shall appear in the Coffee County Probate Office, Elba Division, on the 18th day of March, 2025, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., said date and time being set for hearing the Conservator's petition for an interim settlement. Done this the 6th day of February, 2025, /s/ Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge Coffee County, Alabama 2/13,20,27-pd

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KINSTON, ALABAMA, REQUESTING LEGISLATIVE
AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE PHOTOGRAPHIC STATIONARY SPEED DETECTION DEVICES ALONG STATE HIGHWAY 52.**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Kinston, Alabama, recognizes the paramount importance of ensuring the safety and well-being of its citizens and visitors; and WHEREAS, the Town Council acknowledges that speeding along State Highway 52 within the corporate limits of Kinston poses a significant threat to the safety of pedestrians and motorists; and WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that effective speed enforcement is crucial for deterring speeding and promoting adherence to posted speed limits; and WHEREAS, the Town of Kinston, like many municipalities, is currently experiencing a shortage of law enforcement officers, making comprehensive speed enforcement a significant challenge; and WHEREAS, budgetary constraints further limit the Town's ability to dedicate additional resources to traditional speed enforcement methods; and WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that existing enforcement methods are insufficient to adequately address the pervasive issue of speeding along State Highway 52 within the town, especially given the current staffing and budgetary limitations; and WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to explore and implement innovative solutions to enhance speed enforcement and improve community safety specifically along State Highway 52; and WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that the utilization of photographic stationary speed detection devices offers a promising approach to achieving these objectives, particularly in light of the aforementioned challenges; and WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to seek authorization from the Alabama State Legislature to implement such devices along State Highway 52 and enforce speed limits through civil penalties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KINSTON, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Town Council hereby acknowledges and affirms the critical need for enhanced speed enforcement along State Highway 52 within the Town of Kinston for the purpose of protecting the safety and welfare of the community. This need is further amplified by the current shortage of law enforcement officers and budgetary constraints which hinder traditional enforcement efforts.

SECTION 2. The Town Council unanimously requests that the Alabama State Legislature enact legislation authorizing the Town of Kinston to install and operate photographic stationary speed detection devices along State Highway 52 within its corporate limits.

SECTION 3. The Town Council further requests that such legislation empower the Town of Kinston to enforce violations of posted speed limits detected by these photographic devices through the imposition of civil penalties, the specifics of which may be determined by ordinance of the Town.

SECTION 4. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the appropriate members of the Alabama State Legislature representing the Town of Kinston, and to the Governor of Alabama.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this the 6 day of February, 2025.

/s/ Bill Reichardt
Mayor
/s/ Cindy Johnson
Town Clerk
SEAL

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT
Relating to the Town of Kinston, Alabama, in Coffee County; authorizing automated speeding enforcement on State Highway 52 in the Town of Kinston as a civil violation; authorizing the town to adopt a municipal ordinance consistent with this act; providing certain procedures to be followed by using automated photographic speeding enforcement; providing that the owner of the vehicle involved is presumptively liable for a civil violation and the payment of a civil fine, but providing procedures to contest liability; providing for jurisdiction in the Kinston Municipal Court over the civil violations and allowing appeals to the Coffee County Circuit Court for trial de novo; creating a cause of action for any person held responsible for payment of the civil fine against the person who was actually operating a vehicle while speeding; and prohibiting the tampering with automated speeding enforcement devices or equipment systems, except by authorized persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1.
(a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Kinston Speed Limit Safety Act."
(b) The Town of Kinston, Alabama, by municipal ordinance, may adopt the procedures set out in this act.

Section 2. As used in this act, the following terms have the following meanings:
(1) CIVIL FINE. The monetary amount assessed by the Town of Kinston pursuant to this act for an adjudication of civil liability for a speeding violation, including municipal court costs associated with the infraction.
(2) CIVIL VIOLATION. A noncriminal category of law called a civil violation created and existing for the sole purpose of carrying out the terms of this act. The penalty for violation of a civil violation shall be the payment of a civil fine, the enforceability of which shall be accomplished through civil action. The prosecution of a civil violation created hereby shall carry reduced evidentiary requirements and burden of proof as set out in this act, and in no event shall an adjudication of liability for a civil violation be punishable by a criminal fine or imprisonment.
(3) OWNER. The owner of a motor vehicle as shown on the motor vehicle registration records of the Alabama Department of Revenue or the analogous department or agency of another state or country. The term shall not include a motor vehicle rental or leasing company when a motor vehicle registered by the company is rented or leased

to another person under a rental or lease agreement with the company, in which event "owner" shall mean the person to whom the vehicle is rented or leased; nor shall the term include motor vehicles displaying dealer license plates, in which event "owner" shall mean the individual to whom the vehicle is assigned for use; nor shall the term include the owner of any stolen motor vehicle, in which event "owner" shall mean the individual who is guilty of stealing the motor vehicle.

(4) PHOTOGRAPHIC SPEEDING ENFORCEMENT or AUTOMATED SPEEDING ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM. A camera system which is designed and installed to work in conjunction with an electrically operated speed detection device synchronized to automatically record digital imaging of a motor vehicle while speeding. The device shall be capable of producing at least two recorded images, at least one of which is capable of clearly depicting the license plate of a motor vehicle that is speeding.

(5) SPEEDING VIOLATION. Any violation of a motor vehicle at a speed that exceeds 10 miles per hour over the legal maximum speed limits presented in or adopted pursuant to Article 8, Chapter 5A, Title 32, Code of Alabama 1975; provided, however, that speed limits set by action of the Kinston Town Council as found in the municipal code of the Town of Kinston shall supersede the limits set in Article 8, Chapter 5A, Title 32, Code of Alabama 1975. A speeding violation shall be a civil violation as defined in this act.

(6) TOWN. The Town of Kinston, Alabama.

(7) TRAINED TECHNICIAN. A sworn law enforcement officer employed by the Town of Kinston, who alternatively:
a. Is a professional engineer in the field of civil engineering; or
b. Has received instruction and training in the proper use of the automated photographic speeding enforcement system to be used by the town's traffic engineer or his or her designee; or
c. Has been trained by the vendor installing the equipment. Under no circumstances shall the salary or other compensation of the trained technician be related to the number of notices of violation issued or amount of fines collected.

Section 3. (a) The Town of Kinston is authorized to use an automated photographic speeding enforcement system to detect and record speeding violations on State Highway 52 in the town limits, to issue notices of civil violations by mail, and to prosecute civil violations for the recorded speeding violations which may occur on State Highway 52 in the corporate limits of the Town of Kinston as provided in this act. A civil fine assessed under this act shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100), and municipal court costs may be assessed in the same manner and in the same amounts prescribed for municipal criminal speeding violations prosecuted as a misdemeanor. An additional fee of ten dollars (\$10) shall be added to the Kinston Municipal Court costs authorized to be collected in connection with notices issued under this act. Court costs collected pursuant to this act shall be distributed in the same manner as prescribed by law for the distribution of municipal court costs for misdemeanor violations. The additional ten dollars (\$10) authorized by this act shall be paid to the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center as compensation for recordkeeping with respect to speeding violation notices issued pursuant to this act.

(b) If an ordinance is adopted for automated speeding enforcement, the Town of Kinston shall cause a sign to be posted at each of a minimum of five roadway entry points to the town to provide motorists with notice that automated photographic speeding enforcement systems are in use. The sign shall comply with this requirement if it states substantially the following: "AUTOMATED CAMERAS USED IN SPEEDING ENFORCEMENT," or if it otherwise gives sufficient notice.

(c) Prior to operating such an enforcement system, the Town of Kinston shall make a public announcement and conduct a public awareness campaign of the use of an automated photographic speeding enforcement system a minimum of 30 days before using the devices. The Town of Kinston may place photographic speeding enforcement systems at locations without public notice of the specific location, may change locations without public notice, and may install and move as needed decoy devices designed to resemble photographic speeding enforcement systems.

(d) The town shall post signs warning of the use of an automated photographic device for speeding enforcement within 60 yards of every speed detection device used. Each sign shall be placed at least five feet from the edge of the road or street and shall be placed not lower than two feet and not higher than eight feet.

Section 4. (a) Prior to imposing a civil penalty pursuant to this act, the Town of Kinston shall first mail a notice of violation by certified U.S. mail, return receipt, to the owner of the motor vehicle which is recorded by the automated photographic speeding enforcement system that committed a speeding violation. The notice shall be sent not later than the 30th day after the date the speeding violation is recorded to the following:
(1) The owner's address as shown on the registration records of the Alabama Department of Revenue.
(2) If the vehicle is registered in another state or country, to the owner's address as shown on the motor vehicle registration records of the department or agency of the other state or country analogous to the Alabama Department of Revenue.
(3) If a traffic violation is based on the vehicle identification number, and the registered owner of the vehicle is a rental car business, the law enforcement agency, before issuing a notice of violation, shall provide a written notice to the rental car business that a notice of violation to the rental car business if the rental car business does not, within 30 days of receiving written notice, provide to the issuing agency by return mail a statement under oath stating the name and known mailing address of the individual driving or rent-

ing the vehicle when the violation occurred.

(b) A notice of violation issued under this act shall contain all of the following:
(1) Description of the speeding violation alleged.
(2) The date, time, and location of the violation.
(3) A copy of recorded images of the vehicle involved in the violation.
(4) The amount of the civil penalty to be imposed for the violation.
(5) The date by which the civil penalty must be paid.
(6) A statement that the person named in the notice of violation may pay the civil penalty in lieu of appearing at an administrative adjudication hearing.
(7) Information that informs the person named in the notice of violation of the following:
a. The right to contest the imposition of the civil penalty in an administrative adjudication.
b. The manner and time in which to contest the imposition of the civil penalty.
c. That failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability is an admission of liability.
(8) A statement that a recorded image is evidence in a proceeding for the imposition of a civil penalty.
(9) A statement that failure to pay the civil penalty within the time allowed shall result in the imposition of a late penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25).
(10) Any other information deemed necessary by the town.

(c) A notice of violation under this act is presumed to have been received on the 10th day after the date the notice of violation is placed in the U.S. mail.

(d) The civil penalty imposed shall be paid within 30 days of the 10th day after the date the notice of violation is mailed.

(e) It shall be within the discretion of the trained technician to determine which of the recorded speeding violations are prosecuted based upon the quality and legibility of the recorded image. In lieu of issuing a notice of violation, the town may mail a warning notice to the owner during the initial warning period.

Section 5. (a) The Kinston Municipal Court is vested with the power and jurisdiction to hear and adjudicate the civil violations provided for in this act and to issue orders imposing the civil fines and costs set out in this act.

(b) A person who receives a notice of violation may contest the imposition of the civil fine by submitting a written request for a hearing on the adjudication of the civil violation within 15 days of the 10th day after the date the notice of violation is mailed. Upon receipt of a timely request, the town shall notify the person of the date and time of the adjudicative hearing by U.S. mail.

(c) Failure to pay a civil penalty or to contest liability in a timely manner is an admission of liability in the full amount of the civil fine assessed in the notice of violation.

(d) The civil fine shall not be assessed if, after a hearing, the Kinston Municipal Judge enters a finding of no liability.

(e) If an adjudicative hearing is requested, the town shall have the burden of proving the speeding violation by a preponderance of the evidence. The reliability of the automated photographic speeding enforcement system used to produce the recorded image of the violation may be attested to affidavit of a trained technician. An affidavit of a trained technician that alleges a violation based on an inspection of the pertinent recorded image or video is admissible in a proceeding under this act and is evidence of the facts contained in the affidavit.

(f) The notice of violation, the recorded and reproduced images of the violation, regardless of the media on which they are recorded, accompanied by a certification of authenticity of a trained technician, and evidence of ownership of a vehicle as shown by copies or summaries of official records shall be admissible into evidence without foundation unless the municipal court finds there is an indication of untrustworthiness, in which case the town shall be given a reasonable opportunity to lay an evidentiary foundation.

(g) All other matters of evidence and procedure not specifically addressed in this act shall be subject to the rules of evidence and the rules of procedure as they apply in the small claims courts of this state, except that on any appeal to Coffee County Circuit Court for trial de novo the evidence and procedures shall be as for any civil case in the circuit court except as otherwise provided in this act.

(h) A person who is found liable for the civil violation after an adjudicative hearing or who requests an adjudicative hearing and thereafter fails to appear at the time and place of the hearing is liable for court costs and fees as set out herein in addition to the amount of the civil assessed for the violation. A person who is found liable for a civil violation after an adjudicative hearing shall pay the civil fine and costs within 10 days of the hearing.

(i) Whenever payment of a civil fine is owed to the town, the amount of the civil fine as set by ordinance may not be increased, decreased, or remitted by the municipal court, and the liability may be satisfied only by payment.

(j) It shall be an affirmative defense to the imposition of civil liability under this act, to be proven by a preponderance of the evidence, that any of the following apply:
(1) The operator of the motor vehicle was acting in compliance with the lawful order or direction of a police officer.
(2) The motor vehicle was being operated as an authorized emergency vehicle under state law, and the operator was acting in compliance with that section.
(3) The motor vehicle was stolen or being operated by a person other than the owner of the vehicle without the effective consent of the owner.
(4) The license plate depicted in the recorded image of the violation was a stolen plate and being displayed on a motor vehicle other than the motor vehicle for which the plate had been issued.
(5) The person who received the notice of violation was not the owner of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation.
(k) To demonstrate that at the time of the

violation the motor vehicle was a stolen vehicle or the license plate displayed on the motor vehicle was a stolen plate, the owner must submit proof acceptable to the hearing officer that the theft of the vehicle or license plate, prior to the time of the violation, had been timely reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

(l) Notwithstanding anything in this act to the contrary, a person who fails to pay the amount of a civil fine or to contest liability in a timely manner is entitled to an adjudicative hearing on the violation if:
(1) The person files an affidavit with the hearing officer stating the date on which the person received the notice of violation that was mailed to the person, if not received by the 10th day after the notice was mailed.
(2) Within the 15 days of the date of actual receipt, the person requests an administrative adjudicative hearing.

Section 6. (a) Following an adjudicative hearing, the municipal court shall issue an order stating the following:
(1) Whether the person charged with the civil violation is liable for the violation and, if so,
(2) The amount of the civil fine assessed against the person, along with the fees and costs of court provided for in this act.

(b) The orders issued under this section may be filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, and shall operate as a judicial lien in the same manner and with the same weight and effect as any other civil judgment filed therein.

(c) A person who is found liable after an adjudicative hearing may appeal that finding of civil liability to the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, by filing a notice of appeal with the clerk of the municipal court. The notice of appeal must be filed not later than the 14th day after the date on which the municipal court judge entered the finding of civil liability. The filing of a notice of appeal shall stay the enforcement of the civil fine penalty. An appeal shall be determined by the circuit court by trial de novo.

Section 7. The circuit court hearing an appeal shall use the procedures that apply to criminal convictions in municipal court with the following qualifications:
(1) The proceedings shall retain their civil nature on appeal with the circuit court applying the preponderance of the evidence standard.
(2) If the person is adjudicated by the circuit court to be responsible for payment of the civil fine, circuit court costs shall be owed by the person adjudicated responsible, with 100 percent of those court costs retained by the circuit court. Court costs in the circuit court shall be calculated as are court costs for criminal appeals from the municipal court, and in the event the circuit court finds the person appealing not to be responsible, no municipal court costs shall be owed to the town.
(3) Regardless of the civil nature of the proceedings, the circuit court may assign case numbers as for criminal appeals and place the appeals on criminal dockets in the same manner as criminal appeals from municipal court.
(4) The circuit court shall sit as trier of both fact and law in the civil proceedings in the circuit court.
(5) The town shall be responsible for providing an attorney to represent the town and to prosecute the civil proceedings in the circuit court.

Section 8. In the event the evidence produced by an automated photographic speeding enforcement system does not produce an image of the license plate with sufficient clarity for a trained technician to determine the identity of the owner. If the identity of the owner cannot otherwise be reliably established, no notice of violation may be issued. If, however, a notice of violation is issued, to the degree constitutionally allowed, those issues related to the identity of the vehicle or its owner shall affect the weight to be accorded the evidence and shall not affect its admissibility.

Section 9. The town may provide by ordinance that a late fee not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25) shall be attached to untimely paid civil fines that are authorized in this act. No person may be arrested or incarcerated for nonpayment of a civil fine or late fee. No record of an adjudication of civil violation made under this act shall be listed, entered, or reported on any criminal record or driving record, whether the record is maintained by the town or an outside agency. An adjudication of civil violation provided for in this act shall not be considered a conviction for any purpose, shall not be used to increase or enhance punishment for any subsequent offense of a criminal nature, shall not be considered a moving violation, and shall not be used by any insurance company to determine or affect premiums or rates unless an accident occurred due to the violation. The fact that a person is held liable or responsible for a civil fine for a speeding violation shall not be used as evidence that the person was guilty of negligence or other culpable conduct, and any evidence generated by an automated photographic speeding enforcement system may only be used as evidence in other proceedings if it is or becomes admissible under the rules of evidence applicable therein.

Section 10. The town shall keep statistical data regarding the effectiveness of automated photographic speeding enforcement systems in reducing speeding violations and collisions and shall communicate the data on an annual basis to the Alabama Department of Transportation and the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center.

Section 11. No civil penalty may be imposed and no adjudication of liability for a civil violation may be made under this act if the operator of the vehicle was arrested or was issued a citation and notice to appear by a sworn police officer for a criminal violation of any portion of Article 8, Chapter 5A of Title 32, Code of Alabama 1975, or any other municipal ordinance that incorporates the statutes contained in that article, and which occurred simultaneously with and under the same set of circumstances which were recorded by the automated photographic speeding enforcement system. Section 12. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.

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LEGAL NOTICES:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA
In the Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama
CA No. CV-2025-900011

Buckie N Grantham, Jr.
Plaintiff,
Vs.
Lots 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153
8th Addition, Lakeside Estates, Plat 1, Page 94
Sara Sellner Western, Willie Ed Williams,
and any other interested parties,
Defendants

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Sara Sellner Western, Willie Ed Williams and any and all unknown parties who may have interest in the above property an whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Buckie N Grantham, Jr.'s Petition to Quiet Title and other relief by April 7th, 2025, or, thereafter, a judgment and default may be rendered against them in Case Number CA No. CV-2025-900011 of the Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama, DONE this 28th day of January, 2025.
/s/ Ashley A. Powell
Clerk of the Court

Alfred J. Danner
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, Alabama 36340
2/13,20,27&3/6-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: The estate of Ralph C. Mullins, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-013

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR
Letters of Administration on the Estate of Ralph C. Mullins, deceased, having been granted to Verdell Mullins, Administrator, on 5th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court, Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Verdell Mullins
Verdell Mullins
Petitioner

Preston Register, Attorney
256 Honeysuckle Road, Suite 16
Dothan, Alabama 36305
334-678-0100
2/13, 20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION
IN RE: The estate of Foy Cobb, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-005

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Letters Testamentary of Foy Cobb, deceased, having been granted to Gwendolyn C. Sable Personal Representative, on the 5th day of February, 2025, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney
300 E. Lee Street
Enterprise, Alabama 36330
(334) 393-5146
2/13, 20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
In the Matter of the Estate of PETER ROMANYK, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-019

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Letter of Administration for the Estate of Peter Romanyk having been granted to Derek Alan Romanyk, Personal Representative, on the 6th day of February, 2025 by the Honorable

Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done this the 6th day of February, 2025.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge
2/13, 20, &27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Estate of Priscilla O. Stacy aka Frances Priscilla Stacy, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-018

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Letter of Administration cum testamento annexo of said deceased having been granted to Anna K. Bullington a/k/a Anna Kathleen Hall, Administrator cum testamento annexo, on the 6th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done this the 6th day of February, 2025.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge
2/13, 20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION
IN RE: The Estate of Brenda Thomas Roberts, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2024-215

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted the 6th day of February, 2025, to Leon Merrill Shirley as Administrator of the Estate of Brenda Thomas Roberts, deceased, who departed this life on the 15th day of October, 2024, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ William Ted Roberts
William Ted Roberts
Administrator of the Estate of Brenda Thomas Roberts, Deceased
2/13, 20, &27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNA BARNES, DECEASED
Case No. 25-0016

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to John Bodiford, Personal Representative, on the 6th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

John Bodiford
Personal Representative

Benjamin S. Armstrong
Attorney for Personal Representative
200 Grove Park Lane, Suite 670
Dothan, Alabama 36305
2/13,20&27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Gerald Thomas, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-017

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been

granted to Kelsey Thomas, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gerald Thomas, deceased, on the 5th day of February, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
2/13,20&27-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE THE ESTATE OF: Charles Samuel Williams, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-011

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Letters of Administration of the said Deceased having been granted to Raley L. Wiggins on the 5th day of February, 2025, by Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Raley L. Wiggins
Capell & Howard, PC
150 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
2/13, 20, &27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD D. BARNES, SR., DECEASED
Case No.: 25-0015

Letters Testamentary od said deceased having been granted to John Bodiford, Personal Representative, on the 6th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

John Bodiford
Personal Representative

Benjamin S. Armstrong
Attorney for Personal Representative
200 Grove Park, Suite 670
Dothan, Alabama 36305
2/13, 20, &27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF EUNICE HODGES SNELL, Deceased.
Case No.: 25-0010

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Letters Testamentary were granted to Bettie Snell Bush on the 5th day of February, 2025. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Bettie Snell Bush
Personal Presentative

David F. Holmes, Attorney
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Slocomb, AL 36375
334-886-3123
2/13, 20, &27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WENDELL WINSTON BAKER DECEASED,

Carolyn Ann Jones Baker, Petitioner.
Case No.: 2024-840

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Letters of Administration on the Estate of Wendell Winston Baker, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 5th day of February, 2025, by the Judge Of the Probate Court of said County, notice is

hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Respectfully Submitted on this the 5th day of February, 2025.

/s/ Carolyn Ann Jones Baker
Administratrix of said Estate.

Jeffery T. Gray
Attorney for Estate
Post Office Box 224
Geneva, Alabama 36340
(334) 248-6666
2/13, 20, &27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIE MARTIN, DECEASED,

ROBERT EUGENE MARTIN AND DONALD EMMITT MARTIN, PETITIONERS.
Case No.: 25-0017

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Marie Martin, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 6th day of February, 2025, by the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Respectfully Submitted on this the 6th day of February, 2025.

/s/ Robert Eugene Martin and Donald Emmitt Martin
Co-Personal Representative of said Estate.

Jeffrey T. Gray
Attorney for Petitioners
Post Office Box 224
Geneva, Alabama 36340
(334) 248-6666
2/13, 20, &27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HENRY A. MARTIN, DECEASED,

ROBERT EUGENE MARTIN AND DONALD EMMITT MARTIN, PETITIONERS
Case No.: 25-0018

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Henry A. Martin, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 6th day of February, 2025, by the Judge of Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Respectfully Submitted on this the 6th of February, 2025.

/s/ Robert Eugene Martin and Donald Emmitt Martin
Co-Personal Representative of said Estate.

Jeffrey T. Gray
Attorney for Petitioners
Post Office Box 224
Geneva, Alabama 36340
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2/13, 20, &27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF: MARY ANN HATCHER, Deceased.
Case No.: 25-0014

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Letters Testamentary were granted to John Paul Hatcher on the 5th day of February, 2025. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

John Paul Hatcher
Personal Presentative

David F. Holmes, Attorney
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334-886-3123

2/13, 20, &27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLAY MCHUGH KING, DECEASED,

KATHERINE KING ASHCROST f/k/a, KATHERINE FRANCES KING PETITIONER
Case No.: 2025-0013

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Clay McHugh King, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 5th day of February, 2025, by Toby L. Seay, the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Katherine King Ashcroft f/k/a Katherine Frances King
Katherine King Ashcroft f/k/a Katherine Frances King, Personal Presentative

Attorney for Estate:
Jeffery D. Hatcher
P. O. Box 189
Geneva, Alabama 36340

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Notice of Appointment to be published

The State of Alabama, Geneva County Probate Court

Estate of Quinoma Grant aka Quinoma Pridgen Grant, Deceased
Case No.: 25-0021

Letters Testamentary upon the Last Will and Testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.
Jolie Grant Starling, Personal Representative

Emily V. Frost, Esq.
Dominick Feld Hyde, P.C.
1130 22nd Street South
Ridge Park, Suite 4000
Birmingham, AL 35205
(205)536.8888
2/20,27&3/6-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of Muriel C. Danley, Deceased.
Case No.: PC-2025-014

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Dawn D. Kelley, Personal Representative, on the 11th day of February, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 11th day of February, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge
2/20/27 & 3/6-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: Mark Lawrence Branson, Deceased.
Case No.: PC-2025-01

NOTICE
To: Virginia Frances Branson Austin
You will please that notice that on the 8th day of January, 2025, a certain instrument in writing, titled Petition to Admit Will to Probate and for Granting of Letters Testamentary was filed by Charles Matthew Brunson, petitioner, and that the 25th day of March, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. was appointed the day for the haring of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba Division, Alabama, at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.
DONE this 11th day of February, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
2/20,27,3/6&13-pd

Ordinance 02102025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC. 78-27- TAP FEES.

Sec. 78-27. - Tap fees.

(a) A nonrefundable tap fee in the following amount shall be imposed upon each user of the sanitary sewer system. Said tapping fee shall be paid prior to connection.
(1) Four-inch sewer tap \$600- \$900
(2) Six-inch sewer tap \$750- \$1200
(3) Eight-inch sewer tap \$900- \$1500
(b) If it is necessary to cut a street or bore under a street, the user shall be responsible for the actual cost of the city. This cost shall be in addition to any tapping fee and deposit. The city shall estimate the cost of the cut or bore and the user shall deposit said amount to the city before connection. Should the actual cost be more than the estimate the balance shall be added to the user's next monthly bill. Should the actual cost be less than the estimate the city shall refund the overage within 14 days of connection.
(c) If there is an existing tap in place and it is necessary for the city to locate the existing tap there will be a \$200.00 location fee billed to the user.
(d) All ordinances or parts of ordinances heretofore adopted by the City Council of the City of Elba, Alabama which are inconsistent with provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed.
(e) The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable; if any portion of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.
(Ord. No. 1991-12, § 5, 9-23-91; Ord. No. 091001A, 9-24-01; Ord. No. 2122007-2, 2-12-07)
Adopted this 10th day of February 2025.

Tom Maddox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sally Bane, City Clerk
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Legal Notices are due before Noon each Tuesday!

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We went out to eat to celebrate our daughter Melanie's birthday and our grandson Lawson was either more than just a little hungry, or really liked the menu as he asked if he could get chicken fingers, as well as surf and turf, since he liked steak and shrimp. I talked him out of the steak, but he did share some shrimp with his Nanny and seemed satisfied by the time we left the restaurant. No doubt we have a growing boy in the family!

For what it is worth....

*** *As I write my column over the weekend* the Elba Lady Tigers are only one win away from their third straight trip to the 'Final 4' in Birmingham, and their fourth trip to the state finals in the last five years. Elba upped its record to 18-2 last week with a semifinal win over J.F. Shields and was scheduled to get back on the court Monday afternoon with the trip to Birmingham on the line. This group of girls have been a part of one of the most successful runs in the history of Elba High athletics in not only basketball, but also volleyball and softball, and I have a hunch their success isn't over yet! As for this year's successful season, I have to tip my hat to Coach Stonewall Smith. Coach Smith took the job late, but jumped in with both feet and has done a masterful job of fine tuning the team's skills, installing a few new wrinkles on both offense and defense, and most of all keeping the drama that always comes with girls' sports in check. He will have a major rebuild ahead next season, but for now is riding a wave of success with his players that is continuing to re-write the history book in girls' basketball.

*** *The Elba Tigers opened the baseball season* last weekend with a road win over Goshen and after weeks of hard work proved that hard work does indeed pay off. Brady Johnson pitched five shutout innings with no walks to set the Tigers up, while Jay Wilson got the save with two scoreless innings to get the season off to a fast start. If the team will continue to work hard under the eye of Coach Jesse Luker and his staff this could be a fun season to be a fan of the Tigers.

*** *The Elba Lady Tigers junior varsity* team competed at a softball tournament in Brantley and while it posted a 1-2 record, it was competitive against solid competition and the early-season games let all the younger players get some valuable experience. A team's record means very little early in the season, and while the Lady Tigers wanted to win all three games, the experience will provide the girls a learning lesson that will help down the line.

*** *The Kinston Lady Bulldogs* saw their state title hopes dashed last week at the South Region tournament, but the Lady Bulldogs did leave their mark with a 28-2 record and let everyone know that they will be back next season and will be even more determined than ever to hang up a banner in the Bulldog gym. Kinston had no seniors on its roster, which means all the girls will be back to pick up where they left off, and hopefully open the history book again and add even more pages.

*** *It was a busy weekend* on the baseball and softball fields in the opening week of the seasons, and many of the area teams took advantage of the weather to hit the fields. In baseball, Zion Chapel opened its season with an impressive 8-5 road win over 5A Carroll, of Ozark, while two of the three New Brockton teams were in action and had mixed results. Over on the softball field it was especially busy with a number of tournaments all across the area. Kinston was impressive at a tournament in Ozark and went undefeated to win the 11-team event, while New Brockton competed at a tournament in Dothan and found the competition a little too tough against some quality opponents, and Brantley hosted a tournament and posted a 2-2 record. Ready or not, it is time to get outside and watch some baseball and softball.

*** *In closing....* Top-ranked Auburn put on a show for nationwide TV fans over the weekend with a big win over #2 Alabama and left little doubt even with the biggest Crimson Tide fans that the Tigers are indeed a national title contender. The Tigers have the best coach in the nation and showed Saturday they could dominate on both offense and defense, which is a winning combination. If the price of toilet paper ever gets as high as eggs this could be an expensive season for the Auburn fans.

Advance to region finals

Lady Tigers rally past Shields 47-37

The Elba Lady Tigers rallied from a 10-point second quarter deficit to post a hard earned 47-37 victory over the J.F. Shields Lady Panthers, last Tuesday afternoon in the opening round of the Class 1A South Region tournament, at Garrett Coliseum, in Montgomery.

J.F. Shields jumped out to a 7-0 lead with 5:34 left in the first quarter and led 9-1 with 5:17 left in the stanza, and while Elba's Ana Caldwell and Nyasia McCollough both added baskets late in the stanza, J.F. Shields never lost command and carried a 15-8 lead into quarter number two. The Lady Panthers upped their lead to 22-12 with 3:25 remaining in the half and appeared to be in complete command. However, the Lady Tigers staged a late rally and sparked by McCollough and Caldwell went on a 5-0 run to pull within 22-17 at intermission, despite hitting only seven of their 44 shots from the floor.

Elba pulled even at 22-22 with 4:50 left in the third quarter on a free-throw by Lady Stinson and then took its first lead of the game at 24-22 with 4:19 when Stinson got inside for an easy basket. This time it was J.F. Shields that rallied; however, as the Lady Panthers regained the lead at 27-26 with 1:11 left in the quarter and held on to carry a 31-29 lead into the fourth quarter. The Lady Tigers moved back in front 32-31 with 7:14 remaining when Lady Stinson drained a long three-pointer, and Elba's lead grew to 36-31 on a put back by Ana Caldwell. J.F. Shields got as close as 36-33 with 5:36 remaining, but Nyasia McCollough



Elba Lady Tiger Nyasia McCollough dribbles up court in recent high school basketball action. McCollough scored 15 points to help lead the Lady Tigers past J.F. Shields 47-37 last week at the South Region.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

scored five points in a two-minute span to up the lead to 41-33, and the Lady Tigers never looked back as they posted the exciting come-from-behind 47-37 opening round win.

Nyasia McCollough scored 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead Elba, while Ana

Caldwell added 10 points, 19 rebounds and seven blocked shots; A'Lyric Whitfield scored 10 points and pulled down 13 rebounds; Lady Stinson scored 7 points, grabbed nine rebounds and handed out three assists; and, Ayrika Caldwell scored 5 points and pulled down 16

rebounds. Markaja Brown scored 20 points to lead J.F. Shields and Zamiyah Hale added 13 points.

Elba connected on only 19 of 81 shots, including only 1 of 22 from behind the arc in the win, but pulled down 41 offensive rebounds that led to 25 second chance points.

Kinston ousted in region opener

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs saw their record-breaking season come to a disappointing conclusion last Tuesday morning with a hard fought 49-41 loss to the McIntosh Lady Demons.

Kinston pulled even at 2-2 early in the opening quarter on a basket by Allyx Williamson, but trailed 7-2 with 5:29 remaining in the stanza before Lauren Norris sparked a late 5-0 run with a long three-pointer to help pull the Lady Bulldogs within 9-7 heading into the second quarter. The Lady Demons opened the quarter with a 6-0 run to stretch their lead to 15-7 with 6:13 left in the period, and owned a 19-9 advantage with 3:19 left in the half. However, a driving lay-up by Lauren Norris and two baskets by Maddie Williamson cut the lead to 19-15 with 1:11 left on the clock, only to see McIntosh score late to go in at the half with a 21-17 lead.

McIntosh regained command early in the third quarter and pulled ahead 26-17 with 7:05 left in the stanza, but the Lady Bulldogs refused to go away as Lauren Norris and Allyx Williamson sparked another Kinston rally that cut the McIntosh lead to 26-25 with 4:08 remaining, and when Aubrey Norris drained a three-pointer with :06 left on the clock the Lady Bulldogs trailed by only one point, at 31-30

heading into the fourth quarter. Lilli Sumblin nailed a three-pointer early in the final stanza to put Kinston on top 33-31 and the Lady Bulldogs were still on top 35-34 with 7:24 left after a basket by Allyx Williamson, but the Lady Demons scored the game's next two baskets to regain the lead at 38-35 with 6:29 remaining. Kinston continued to battle and sneaked back in front 41-40 with 3:54 left on the clock on a jumper by Allyx Williamson. However, the Lady Bulldogs failed to score again and suffered four turnovers in the game's final three minutes as McIntosh rallied last to claim the 49-41 win.

Allyx Williamson scored 18 points and pulled down 16 rebounds to lead Kinston, while Maddie Williamson added 8 points and 7 rebounds, Lauren Norris scored 7 points, Lilli Sumblin and Aubrey Norris both added 3 points, and Maggie Martin scored 2. Chauncey Dixon scored 25 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to lead McIntosh and Jayla Brown added 13 points and 7 rebounds.



Kinston Lady Bulldogs talk it over during a time out at last week's South Region contest.

Brantley reaches region finals

The Brantley Bulldogs pulled ahead midway through the opening quarter and never looked back to defeat the Southern Choctaw Indians 64-49, in opening round action at the Class 1A South Region basketball tournament, last Tuesday morning in Montgomery.

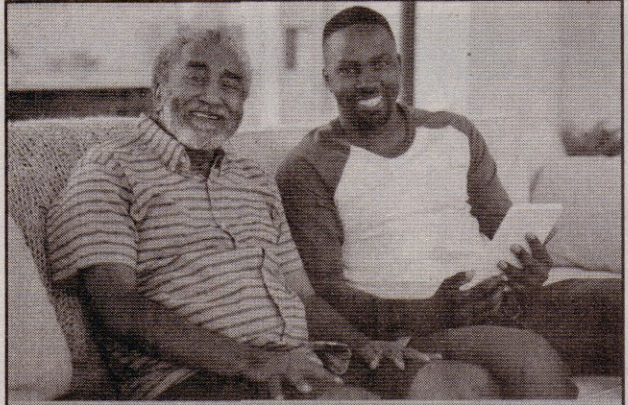
Brantley's Jon Harper Kilcrease drained a three-pointer with 6:15 left in the first quarter to pull the Bulldogs within 5-3, but the Bulldogs still trailed 8-6 with 5:42 left after a three-pointer by Michael Thompson and didn't grab the lead until Jayden Parks got in on the long range barrage and hit a three-pointer with 4:27 left that put Brantley on top 9-8. The Bulldogs stretched their lead to 15-13 on a pair of free throws by Thompson late in the stanza, and carried a 19-15 lead into quarter number two after a basket by Julius Sylvester. Brantley upped its lead to 23-17 early in the second quarter and moved

on top 28-19 with 4:23 left in the quarter after a three-pointer and two free throws by Parks, and Collin Stringer added yet another Bulldog three-pointer with 1:09 left as Brantley went in at intermission with a big 38-22 advantage.

Brantley pushed its lead to 48-25 with 5:16 remaining in the third quarter on a basket by Jayden Parks, but Southern Choctaw came battling back and outscored the Bulldogs 13-2 over the final five minutes of the stanza to pull within 50-38 with eight minutes left on the clock. A three-point play by Parks early in the fourth quarter upped the Bulldogs lead to 53-38, and this time they never lost command as Brantley rolled to the 64-49 opening round win.

Jayden Parke scored 30 points, grabbed 7 rebounds, handed out 7 assists and had 5 steals to lead Brantley, while Michael Thompson added 11 points, and Jon Harper Kilcrease added 9 points and 9 rebounds.

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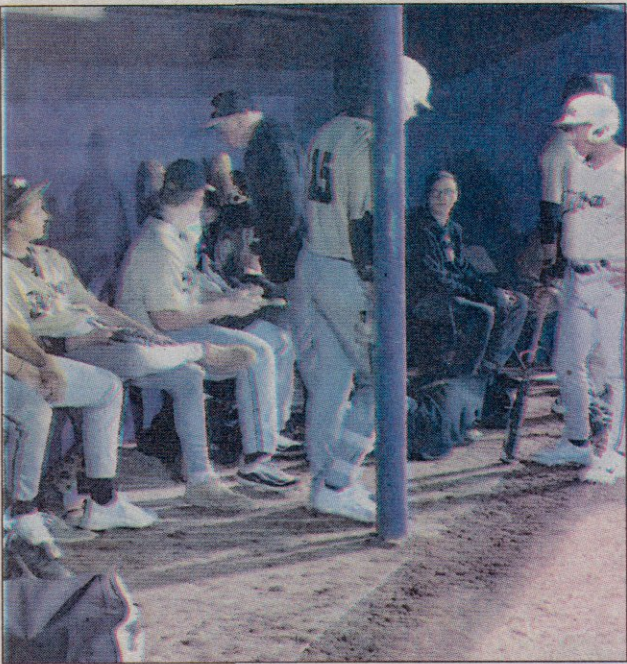
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SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tigers enjoyed a Friday night in a dugout at Goshen High School as they posted a 4-0 season opening win over the Eagles.

Tigers blank Eagles 4-0

The Elba Tigers opened the season with a bang Friday night with an impressive 4-0 road win over the Goshen Eagles.

Brady Johnson picked up the win on the mound as he pitched five shutout innings and allowed only four hits, while recording five strikeouts, and Jay Wilson picked up the save as he tossed two innings in relief and allowed only one hit, with two strikeouts.

The Tigers used a three-run outburst in the second inning to grab the lead, with a leadoff walk to Matthew McCart and a one-out walk to Skylar Mitchell lighting the fuse, while Jaden Baker ripped a two-out, two-run double to put Elba on the scoreboard, and then crossed the plate on an rbi double by Easton McKelvy. Elba added an insurance run in the sixth when Brady Johnson drew a leadoff walk, stole second and third, and raced home

on an Eagle error.

Jaden Baker had two hits, scored one run and had two rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while Easton McKelvy added one hit and one rbi and Earl Tolentino added one hit.

(JV)

The Elba Tigers saw a 1-0 second inning lead slip away Friday afternoon in a 6-1 season opening loss to the Goshen Eagles. The Tigers grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the second when Macon Hughes drew a walk, stole second and scored on an rbi single by Garrett Hill, but failed to score again and dropped their opener. Colin Grantham, Garrett Hill and Macon Hughes all had one hit to lead Elba, while Nicholas Parker and Brayson Coppage combined to pitch three innings and allowed three earned runs on seven hits and five walks, and recorded eight strikeouts.

Elba Lady Tigers open season in Brantley tourney

The Elba Lady Tigers competed over the weekend at the Brantley JV Softball Tournament and posted one win and two losses in the five-team event.

Following are highlights from the three tournament games:

Elba 13 Highland Home 9

The Elba Lady Tigers rallied from an early 8-3 deficit to claim an exciting 13-9 opening round win over Highland Home.

Elba fell behind 4-3 in the bottom of the first and saw Highland Home open up a 9-4 lead after three innings. However, the Lady Tigers plated nine runs in their half of the fourth to grab the lead and held on for the win.

Two walks and a Highland Home error lit the fuse for the late Elba explosion, while Hope Richards, Miciah Smith, Payton Parks and Channon Hooks all delivered key hits in the inning to spark the Lady Tigers to the win.

Miciah Smit had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Elba at the plate, while Payton Parks added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's, Hope Richardson and Hillary Hudson both

added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Mary B. O'Neal scored 3 runs. O'Neal was the winning pitcher, in relief, as she tossed two and two-thirds innings and allowed only one hit, while striking out four.

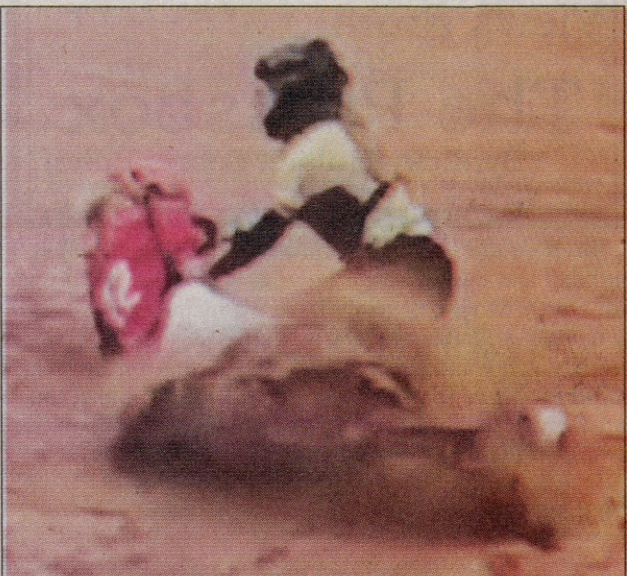
Brantley 10 Elba 9

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind 10-4 in the third inning and saw a late rally fall one run short in a 10-9 loss to Brantley.

The two area rivals were tied at 3-3 after one inning, but Brantley pulled ahead with a five-run second inning outburst and owned a 10-4 lead after three innings. Elba pulled within 10-8 in the fourth and added one run in the fifth, only to see the rally fall short.

Hope Richards had 1 hit to lead Elba at the plate, while Miciah Smith and Channon Hooks scored 2 runs apiece. Karly Golden and Mary B. O'Neal combined to pitch four innings and allowed four earned runs on two hits and eight walks, while striking out eight.

Taitumn Wise had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley at the plate, while Kennedy



Elba Lady Tiger catcher Payton Parks tags out a Pike Lib base runner at the plate during action last weekend a tournament in Brantley.

Baggett added 1 hit and 3 rbi's, Lynlee Taylor scored 3 runs and Adalida Latham scored 2 runs. Baggett and Latham combined to pitch five innings and allowed four earned runs on one hit and eight walks.

Pike Lib 17 Elba 4

The Elba Lady Tigers closed the two-day tournament with a 17-4 loss to Pike Liberal Arts.

The Lady Tigers trailed 10-0 in the first inning before they came to bat, and while they scored two

runs in both the first and third innings, the rally fell far short in the lopsided loss.

Chloe Russell had 1 hit and 2 rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while Mary B. O'Neal and Channon Hooks both added 1 hit and 1 rbi, Emmy Eldridge added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Payton Park had 1 hit. O'Neal and Karly Golden combined to pitch four innings and allowed two earned runs on 11 hits and six walks.

SCHEDULES

THURSDAY, FEB. 20 <i>(Baseball)</i> Goshen at Elba JV-V 4:30 Ariton at Zion Chapel V 4:30 Red Level at Brantley JR 3:00 Dothan Prep at New Brockton JR (DH) 4:30 New Brockton at Samson MS 3:00 <i>(Softball)</i> Elba at Zion Chapel JV (DH) 4:30 Pike Lib at Kinston JV-V 4:30 <i>(Soccer)</i> Eufaula at New Brockton GIRLS 5:00 Pike County at New Brockton BOYS 7:00	2:00 – Kinston vs. Slocomb 2:00 – New Brockton vs. Straughn 4:00 – Kinston vs. Geneva County 5:00 – New Brockton vs. Ariton <i>(Track)</i> Elba (B/G) at Enterprise 4:00
FRIDAY, FEB. 21 <i>(Baseball)</i> Elba at Pleasant Home V 4:30 Zion Chapel at Geneva County V 5:00 Houston Academy at New Brockton V 5:00 <i>(Softball)</i> Providence Ch. At Zion Chapel JV-V 4:30 Slocomb Tournament:	SATURDAY, FEB. 22 <i>(Softball)</i> Slocomb Tournament MONDAY, FEB. 24 <i>(Baseball)</i> Elba at Florala JV-V 4:30 Zion Chapel at New Brockton V 5:00 New Brockton at Pike Lib JR (DH) 4:30 TUESDAY, FEB. 25 <i>(Baseball)</i> Brantley at Kinston V 4:30 Opp at New Brockton JV (DH) 4:30 <i>(Softball)</i> New Brockton at Kinston JV-V 4:30 Zion Chapel at Enterprise V 5:00 <i>(Track)</i> Elba (B/G) at Enterprise 4:30

(BASEBALL)

New Brockton JV 4 Pike Lib 3 – The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled out to a 4-0 lead and held on late to escape with a 4-3 win over the Pike Liberal Arts Patriots. Colt Mercer had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Cooper Medley added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Peyton Collins added 1 hit. Griffen Woods, Mercer and Collins combined to pitch seven innings and allowed no earned runs on two hits and five walks, while striking out 10.

Zion Chapel 8 Carroll 5 – The Zion Chapel Rebels scored five runs in the top of the seventh inning to erase a 5-3 deficit and claim an exciting 8-5 win over Carroll, of Ozark. Brodie Stinson ad 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Rebels at the plate, while Joseph LeGear added 2 hits and scored 1 run, Brady Flowers added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, John Foster Hamm and Macon Allen both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Flowers, Hamm and Dylan Davis combined to pitch seven innings and allowed two earned runs on five hits and six walks, while striking out nine.

(SOFTBALL)

Geneva 10 New Brockton JV 0 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks opened the season with a 10-0 loss to Geneva. Riley Phillips and A'Niyah Robertson both drew walks in the game, while Ella Kate Bowers pitched four innings and struck out four batters.

Geneva 12 New Brockton 0 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks suffered their second shutout of the young season with a 12-0 loss to Geneva. Madison Lawson had 1 hit and Supriya Young drew a walk to lead the Lady Gamecocks at the plate, while Emily Grace Peeples pitched three innings and recorded four strikeouts.

Kinston 6 G.W. Long 1 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs rallied late to claim an exciting 6-1 win over G.W. Long, at a junior varsity tournament in Ozark. Madisyn Jones had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead Kinston at the plate, while Madi Phillips added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Aubrey Norris and Justi Creech both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Adelyn Jarrell was the winning pitcher in relief as he tossed four innings of no-hit ball and struck out eight.

Brantley 25 Highland Home 14 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs combined five hits with 24 walks in a 25-14 win over Highland Home, at a junior varsity tournament in Brantley. Lynley Taylor had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 5 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Kennedy Baggett added 1 hit and 5 rbi's; and, Haiden Blair and Ava Gibson both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Baggett was the winning pitcher as she tossed four innings and allowed two earned runs and struck out five.

Pike Lib 7 Brantley 0 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs managed only one hit in a 7-0 loss to Pike Liberal Arts, in a junior varsity tournament, in Brantley. Collins Hawthorne had the lone Lady Bulldogs hit, while Kennedy Baggett reached base on a walk. Adalida Latham two innings and allowed four earned runs on one hit and four walks, while striking out two.

Enterprise 15 New Brockton 1 – The New Brockton Lady

Gamecocks failed get a hit in a 15-1 loss to Enterprise, in a junior varsity tournament, in Dothan. Emily Grace Peeples reached on a walk and scored one run to lead New Brockton at the plate, while Ella Kate Bowers, Madison Lawson and Peeples all pitched and combined to allow eight hits and nine walks.

Wicksburg 9 New Brockton 4 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw an early 2-0 lead slip away in a 9-4 loss to Wicksburg. Emily Grace Peeples had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Dixie Mallory added 2 hits and scored 3 runs, and Madison Lawson added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Ella Kate Bowers pitched two and two-thirds innings and allowed six earned runs, while striking out five.

Kinston 9 G.W. Long 1 -0 The Kinston Lady Bulldogs scored six runs in the opening inning to take command early and rolled to a 9-1 win over G.W. Long. Justi Creech had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Kinston, while Maggie Martin added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Ella Greene added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Aubrey Norris added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Creech was the winning pitcher as she tossed two innings and allowed only one hit, while striking out two, and Madisyn Jones pitched one inning and allowed one earned run and recorded one strikeout.

Rehobeth 16 New Brockton 1 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and never rallied in a 16-1 loss to Rehobeth, in a tournament in Dothan. Emily Grace Peeples had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead the Lady Gamecocks at the plate, while Ella Kate Bowers added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Madison Lawson and Falynd Walker both added 1 hit. Three New Brockton pitchers combined to toss three innings and allowed 16 earned runs on nine hits and eight walks.

Kinston 11 G.W. Long 0 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs played G.W. long for the third time in the Ozark tournament and posted a solid 11-0 win. Aubrey Norris, Ella Greene and Maggie Martin all had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston at the plate, while Adalyn Whigham added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Justi Creech and Adelyn Jarrell combined to pitch four innings and allowed one hit, with five strikeouts.

Kinston 9 Samson 1 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs scored five runs in the first inning to take command and rolled to a 9-1 win over Samson, in a tournament in Ozark. Adelyn Jarrell had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Kinston at the plate, while Ella Greene added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Justi Creech added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Aubrey Norris added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Jarrell pitched three no-hit innings with seven strikeouts and Creech pitched one inning and allowed one earned run on two hits.

Andalusia 13 Brantley 2 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs ended their tournament with a 13-2 loss to Andalusia. Collins Hawthorne had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Adalida Latham added 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead Brantley, while SaLeah Johnson scored 1 run. Latham pitched two innings and allowed seven hits and eight walks, while striking out two.



Kinston 7 Geneva 1 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs wrapped up the championship of the Ozark tournament with a solid 7-1 win over Geneva. Aubrey Norris and Adalyn Whigham both had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Adelyn Jarrell added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Kylee Jerkins added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Jarrell pitched three innings and allowed one earned run on one hit, while striking out four.

(SOCCER)

New Brockton 10 Ariton 2 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks exploded for eight goals in the second half to bury Ariton 10-2. Ashley Hernandez scored five goals, including four in the second half, to lead New Brockton.

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